

I remained below to attend to fish in ponds and place ova in the building as it was sent from above. Owing to a number of fish not being ready, it was 26th October before our operations were completed, when I estimated I had some 700,000 eggs from up the river, and 170,000 from ponds.

On the 30th October, I proceeded to Barachois River, where I found eighteen Salmon in pond, but only six females out of that number.

I finished spawning here on the 2nd November, having obtained 50,000 ova; owing to stormy weather I was compelled to send them to Gaspé by land.

The salmon in pond in rear of the building did very well, but I was unwilling to place any large number there on account of injury from the gill nets. If a number of salmon are retained in this pond next summer, I should advise placing a board fence round the dam to prevent the possibility of persons injuring or interfering in any way with the fish.

As Mr. Samuel Wilmot will, no doubt, advise your Department of the most reliable means to secure parent salmon for the future, it is scarcely necessary for me to make any remarks on the subject. I believe the plan of purchasing salmon from net fishermen at Anse aux Cousins will be the best method that can be adopted; provided small-mesh nets are used, so that the fish may be uninjured. There is also a very great advantage in having the parent fish as near the building as possible, so that the ova can be deposited in the troughs at once.

I estimate that there is nearly one million ova in this establishment, all looking well; and I trust nothing will occur to prevent a large percentage of salmon fry being ready for distribution next summer. Everything has been well secured for the winter, and there is a very good supply of water running through the troughs.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PHILIP VIBERT,

*Fishery Overseer.*